

Cottonwood
county declared
organized.

all the rights, privileges and immunities of other organized counties therein, and all proceedings had in organizing said county is hereby legalized and declared to be valid, with the exception of any and all action taken in locating and establishing the county seat thereof.

Location of
county seat.

SEC. 2. The governor of said state is hereby authorized and required to appoint three disinterested inhabitants of said state commissioners to locate the county seat of said county, and the place designated by a majority of said commissioners, when certified in writing to the governor, shall be and remain the county seat of said county.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1873.

CHAPTER XCV.

AN ACT TO DETACH CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL, AND ATTACH THE SAME TO THE COUNTY OF WADENA.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Description of
territory detach-
ed.

SECTION 1. That all of that part and portion of the territory of the county of Otter Tail, as the same is now constituted, which lies east of range thirty-nine, and also townships thirty-five, thirty-six and thirty-seven of range thirty-nine, and township thirty-seven of range forty, be and the same hereby is detached from the said county of Otter Tail and attached to the county of Wadena, and said above described territory shall hereafter form and be a part of said county of Wadena.

Vote taken,
when.

SEC. 2. At the time of giving notice of the next general election it shall be the duty of the officers of the said counties of Otter Tail and Wadena required by law to give notice of the general election, to give notice in like manner that at such election a vote will be taken on the question of detaching the territory mentioned and de-

scribed in section one of this act from the said county of Otter Tail, and attaching the same to the county of Wadena. At said election the legal voters in each and both of said counties in favor of detaching said territory from the said county of Otter Tail and attaching the same to said county of Wadena, shall have distinctly written, or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on their ballots the words "In favor of detaching all of that part and portion of the territory of the county of Otter Tail, as the same is now constituted, which lies east of range thirty-nine, and also townships thirty-five, thirty-six and thirty-seven of range thirty-nine, and township thirty-seven of range forty, and attaching the same to the county of Wadena;" and those opposed to the detaching of said territory from the said county of Otter Tail and attaching the same to the said county of Wadena, shall have distinctly written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on their ballots the words "Against detaching that part and portion of the territory of the county of Otter Tail, as the same is now constituted, which lies east of range thirty-nine, and also townships thirty-five, thirty-six and thirty-seven of range thirty-nine, and township thirty seven of range forty, and attaching the same to Wadena county."

Form of ballot.

SEC. 3. The county officers to whom the returns are made, in each and both of said counties, shall within ten days after said election, canvass the votes returned for and against the detaching of said territory from the said county of Otter Tail and attaching the same to the said county of Wadena, and shall forthwith certify the result of such canvass to the governor, who, if it appears that a majority of all the voters in said counties, and each of them, shall have voted in favor thereof, shall make proclamation thereof by causing to be published in two daily papers in the city of St. Paul, in this state, that the detaching of the said territory from the said county of Otter Tail and attaching the same to the said county of Wadena, proposed by this act, has been ratified by a majority of the voters of each and both of said counties.

Canvass of the returns.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1873.